

## **Summary - Position and activities of the Czech Bar Chamber**

The topic of my thesis is “Position and activities of the Czech Bar Chamber”. The purpose of the thesis is to analyze the role, importance and functioning of the professional chamber which associates over of 12 000 attorneys.

I have chosen this particular topic as I think the available literature dealing with professional chambers, particularly the Czech Bar Association (hereinafter CBA) is not up-to-date and does not comprehensively cover the current status of this institution. In addition to the descriptive passages the thesis includes statistical data analysis, reflections on the current state of the CBA and its possible transformation.

The thesis is composed of five chapters; the first chapter is a brief introduction to the issue of self-government. It covers what this term means, explains the dividing of self-government and focuses on describing the related terms.

The second chapter provides an insight into the history of attorney self-government. Its formation and development is presented including the production of relevant legislation from the late 19th century through the period of the first Republic of Czechoslovakia, to the era of the destructive socialist regime until the post-revolutionary renaissance of freedom of advocacy.

The key third chapter of the thesis deals with the current organization of the CBA and its powers. This chapter provides a picture of the structure of the CBA bodies, their relations, and state supervision of the professional association. In addition, it includes a consideration of the current model, the supreme body of the CBA, whose functions are based on the principle of direct democracy. This chapter provides an analysis of these issues, including the basic concept of an alternative model based on the principle of representative democracy.

The fourth chapter explains the financing of the CBA and a wide range of activities that the CBA develops.

The fifth and final chapter offers a brief comparison with foreign attorneys self-government in Slovakia, Austria and Germany.